Mint of the United States

Dear Sir

Philada. Sept. 20th. 1833

Your letter of the 5th. ults. was rec'd on the 21st & in the hope of more further advices from you by a later mail than usual I delayed writing to the last day for the present packet.

No funds have been rec'd on the 23d July nor $250 will meet that thing of your letter for the Cabinet. or your further letter may materially a further remittance will be forwarded a statement in full of our acct. with the Mint Please give me an estimate of the amount & means required for the purchase of boxes & materials & implements as may be indispensable purchased for your assistants. Wages we contract for on your part we see no reason why it is for a small amount more especially as any very material departure from the terms contemplated in your estimate of expenses left with me on your departure, without first referring the subject for decision here. While this limitation shall extend your proceedings in regard to the last of those rating you will be will employed in making the process of engraving both in the dry & humid methods fully familiar by actually performing them. This can only be done by merely inspecting the process on the hands of others but will require actual practice for which I hope you will find good opportunities

If you have not before this shall thank you

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determined that it is expedient

Repair

I presume

Should by the Character of the Season upon it's not being Rendered

"

On this subject

very cheerfully

form

especially than

Should

to - The plan which seemed to me most obvious was to ascertain

whether you can with a few at all reasonable obtain the

requisite facilities in Paris - next on learning the time that this

was under question to ascertain whether you could be secured

the requisite facilities in London & to do this by a visit to

that place

I presume

to be the most

convenient rout to Petersburgh - This I am advised is

easy & expeditious by Hamburgh in a steam boat and

thence by steam

Vessel

to Petersburgh, of all which upon our

letters in person then I am -

If this letter should reach you with out your

having heard satisfactorily

the business of

I would advise

your immediate proceeding to

the former

to try the

of your

being practicable

Mr. Dalton

introductions for

to the

Gentlemen

You personally

Mr. Bail

and you

I learn the

Should

you shall learn how he is disposed by

the Emperor at London you will have proceeded I presume

to St. Petersburgh with full evidence has been

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[illegible] instructions for an
[illegible] permitted to you that no sufficient instruction [illegible]
[illegible] in regard to the troops in Flanders are to be found
there.

I will now suppose that you have made your good cause
to visit Prussia and have also found [illegible] assistance both
in France and England by forbidding demands in the character
you [illegible] for instructions. All this will probably have been stated to me
[illegible] by a communication to be sent
[illegible] full
I shall learn the extent of the obstacles to be surmounted [illegible]
[illegible] with all
the details [illegible] pertaining thereto and can then
confidently [illegible] on the subject.
disturbed by this circumstance

Do not feel [illegible]. You may call the town very
carefully employed. Make yourself a perfect master in the French language
also my relevant letters. Divide the topics therein into [illegible]
consideration
[illegible] and note them all for such inquiries
as circumstances [illegible] may require, and you to attend.
Read
If the posting troops be among the later depots [illegible]
equally well. You will be enabled to effect [illegible] it with confidence
returns through positions yet to be obtained [illegible] on
[illegible] Rhine in time [illegible]
[illegible]
At the time of
You are at the threshold of your mission. Your last letter
[illegible] returned
[illegible] you had been but 30 days in Paris
and would have accomplished [illegible] during your present
[illegible]. Belgium. There is a former letter
mentioned my suspicion that your residence in Belgium
not be kept from me. If it should be found to
but that
extend it still longer I have no doubt the [illegible]

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will be opposed & the measure thwarted

[illegible] means [illegible] in consideration of the
value of the objects to be attained by your agency.

You mention the coining press and its beautiful
workmanship. All this is pleasing to me. I
[illegible] that bettering circulates on the
Dyes of the coins in the absence of the Calvet. For perfection
[illegible] as an impression impregnable
is to [illegible]
name Daily is well
the press but of course you will give no encourage-
ment to any contrivance which is to be substituted for New
[illegible] the mint entertained the highest and deserved
[illegible] confidence & [illegible]
until an adopt in this the same same process. But
your Votes measurements and [illegible] of
coining thing is all be [illegible] I hope you will
have opportunity of the kind [illegible]
in regard to the variance
in the dimensions of the Mint Specimens
[illegible]
of the [illegible] Specimen coins.
With best wishes
Yours truly
Wm. T. Wood

To
Benjamin Pike
Supervisor
N.Y.

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